The current status of DANCE: Dark matter Axion search with riNg Cavity Experiment

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Overview

- A new method to search for axion-like particles with a table-top experiment

 I. Obata, T. Fujita, Y. Michimura, <u>PRL 121, 161301 (2018)</u>
- DANCE: Dark matter Axion search with riNg Cavity Experiment
- Prototype experiment DANCE Act-1 is ongoing



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Ultralight dark matter

- Dark matter has not been detected yet
- Need to search in wider mass range
- Ultralight dark matter search with laser interferometer is attracting attention



Axion

- Hypothetical particles to solve the strong CP problem in QCD
- Many kinds of axion-like particles (ALPs) are predicted by superstring theory
 - One of the candidates for dark matter
- Various methods of measuring axion-photon coupling, especially by using magnetic field, are proposed in many treatise

Upper limits from previous researches



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Rotation of linear polarization

Axion-photon coupling causes phase velocity difference between left- and right-handed photons

$$c_{\rm L/R} = \sqrt{1 + \frac{g_{a\gamma}a_0m_a}{k}} \sin(m_a t + \delta_{\tau})$$

Coupling constant Axion field Axion mass

 Phase velocity difference of circular polarizations makes linear polarization rotate



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Amplification of rotation angle

- We measure rotation angle of linear polarization caused by axion (if axion is DM)
- Rotation angle is too small to be observed without a cavity

- Laser light runs between mirrors many times in a cavity
 - \rightarrow Rotation angle can be amplified

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Laser

Laser

Bow-tie ring cavity

- Rotated direction is inverted in a linear cavity
 - → Rotation effect is cancelled out



• A bow-tie ring cavity prevents linear polarization from inverting rotated direction



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Sensitivity of DANCE



• Shot noise is caused by fluctuations of number of photons

• Need to minimize other noise, except for shot noise

Experimental setups of DANCE



Frequency servo by PDH technique

 Lock laser frequency to resonance of a cavity to obtain data for a long time



Picture of the setups (whole)



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Performance evaluation of a cavity

	Design value	Measured value (P polarization)	
Reflectance of mirrors	M1, M4: 99.9 % M2, M3: 100 %	M1, M4: 99.9 % M2, M3: 99.95 %	→ Finesse 2100
Finesse (Number of round-trips)	3140	<mark>525 ± 19</mark> (S pol. : 527 ± 29)	 → Loss of light 0.91 % → Misalignment
Round-trip length	99.4 cm	102 ± 4 cm	0.9 deg
Radius of curvature of mirrors	100 cm (all)	102 ± 2 cm	
Incident angle	42 deg	41.9 ± 1.7 deg	
Mode matching ratio	99.9987 %	83.03 ± 0.09 %	
Input power	~1 W	~40 mW	



The sensitivity depends on finesse and input power

Data acquisition



- HWP is fixed to make equal amount of P and S polarization
- Record a differential power $(P_{\rm P}-P_{\rm S})(t)$
- Use a subtraction circuit to remove common noise of P and S polarization and to reduce quantization noise of a data logger

Data analysis

Rotation angle of linear polarization

$$\phi(t) = \frac{(P_{\rm P} - P_{\rm S})(t)}{2(P_{\rm P} + P_{\rm S})}$$



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Current estimated sensitivity



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Discussion for noise



- Sensitivity is limited by laser intensity noise in 0.1 Hz-10 Hz
 - An optical fiber

Correlation with feedback signal



mechanical)



Future plans

- Improve finesse
 - Change to high quality mirrors
 - Improve alignment of mirrors
- Reduce noise
 - Construct setups without an optical fiber
 - Reduce external vibration
- Higher laser input power



Summary

- A new table-top experiment searches for ALPs with a ring cavity
 DANCE: Dark matter Axion search with riNg Cavity Experiment
- DANCE observes rotation of linear polarization in a bow-tie cavity
- Prototype experiment DANCE Act-1 is ongoing
 - Assembly of optics and performance evaluation of a cavity are finished
 - Now hunting and reducing noise to achieve the design sensitivity

Extra Slides

Data analysis



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Comparison for data analysis



Cavity scan



Stability of feedback control



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Double-loop control

Only with laser PZT actuator : in a few hours

With laser PZT actuator and temperature actuator : in a few days



Open-loop transfer function (raw data)



Coherence between polarizations



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Transfer function between polarizations



Bow-tie cavity & Double-pass configuration

 Bow-tie ring cavity
 The effect is canceled in a linear cavity

Not canceled in a bow-tie cavity



Double-pass configuration
 Transmitted beam is reflected back into a cavity
 Axion signal is extracted from the reflection

Laser

(null measurement)

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Sensitivity Design

• Brute force necessary, you cannot win for free



Coherent Time Scale

- SNR grows with √Tobs if integration time is shorter than coherent time scale
- SNR grows with (Tobs)^{1/4} if integration time is longer



Picture of the setups (1st floor)



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Picture of the setups (2nd floor)

